

WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR FOX VALLEY WISCONSIN COUNTIES

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Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Increase in February

The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate continued to increase in the Fox Valley WDA during February. The rate for the region rose 0.2 of a percentage point to 6.9 percent, with all of the counties in the region experiencing an increase. Fond du Lac had the largest increase at 0.4 of a percentage point to 6.1 percent.

The increase during February is not unusual for the area, as typically January and February have the highest rates of the year. The increase is due in part to below normal temperature beginning in mid-January and lasting through the month of February, which had an affect on seasonal employment.

Other factors that impacted the region's employment was the national economy and the on going political developments in Iraq.

Although the region experienced increased unemployment rates over the month, all of the counties showed improvement in their unemployment rates over the year. The declines in unemployment ranged from a drop of 0.2 of a percentage point in Waupaca County to 1.6 of a percentage point in Green Lake County. Along with the decline in the unemployment rate over the last year, other areas of improvement include continued growth in the region's labor force and employment levels. The labor force has increased by 4,600 over the last year, and the number of employed has risen 4,900 since last

February. The number of jobs increased by 6,200 in the region. Most of the increase occurred in the service producing sector, while the goods producing sector, which includes manufacturing was down 400.

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)				
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA	Wisconsin	United States	
			(000s)	
February-2003				
Civilian Labor Force	241,900	3,105,500	145,857	
Employment	230,700	2,940,600	137,408	
Unemployment	11,200	164,900	8,450	
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.3%	5.8%	
January-2003 Change				
Civilian Labor Force	-	4,300	19	
Employment	500	6,800	(128)	
Unemployment	(500)	(2,400)	148	
Unemployment rate	-0.2%	-0.1%	0.1%	
February-2002 Change				
Civilian Labor Force	8,100	67,800	1,347	
Employment	8,400	75,500	958	
Unemployment	(300)	(7,600)	390	
Unemployment rate	-0.3%	-0.4%	0.2%	

Note: All estimates are round and preliminary, based on place of residence.

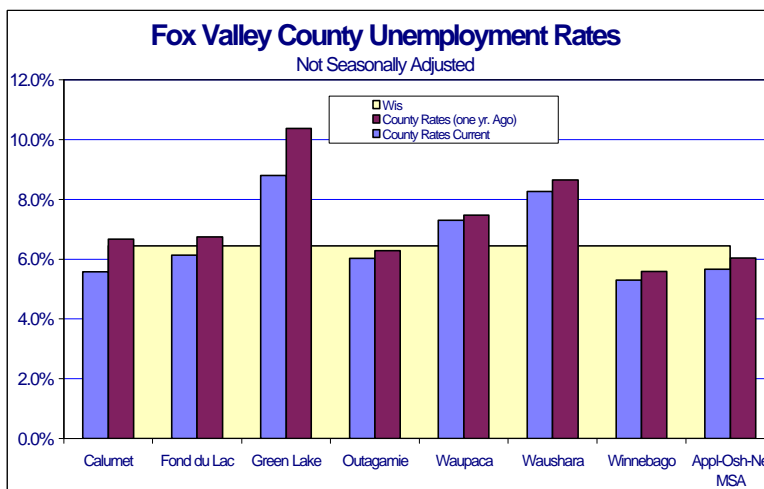
Assistance sought from multi-location employers

Employers with operations in multiple locations (worksites) in Wisconsin who do not report the number of workers at each location are requested to complete a Multiple Worksite Report (MWR). The MWR are sent to employers during the first quarter by the Bureau of Workforce Information and supplement the data that employers provide on the Unemployment Insurance Quarterly Contribution Report.

Similar to the unemployment report, the employment and wage data collected in this survey is confidential and used only for statistical and analytical studies, Unemployment Insurance Program purposes, and the Dislocated Worker Program. Employers benefit because data can be used to assist business planners with new sites location, economic forecasting, and wage analysis.

For more information, or assistance on the MWR, contact Deborah Holt at 608.266.5321

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA decreased 0.2 of a percentage point to 4.6 percent. This compares to 4.9 percent last February.

The nation's unemployment rate increased 0.1 of a percentage

point to 5.8. The rate for the State of Wisconsin declined 0.1 of a percentage point to 5.3 percent. The Green Bay MSA was at 4.8 percent, down 0.1 of a percentage point from January.

For additional labor market statistics contact our website at <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi>.

January 2003	App/Osh/Neenah	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Region	Non MSA's	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force*	239,800	58,400	11,000	27,700	12,200	349,100	109,300	3,065,200
Employed	226,500	55,100	10,000	25,700	11,200	328,500	102,000	2,873,500
Unemployed	13,300	3,300	1,000	2,000	1,000	20,500	7,300	191,700
Unemployment rate(%)	5.5%	5.7%	8.7%	7.2%	8.1%	5.9%	6.7%	6.3%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	4.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.4%
Total Nonfarm	204,000	48,200	7,400	21,000	5,900	286,500	82,500	2,716,700
Total Private	180,300	42,400	6,200	17,100	4,400	250,300	70,100	2,314,800
Goods Producing	63,700	13,800	1,900	5,800	900	86,100	22,400	631,500
Service Producing	140,300	34,500	5,500	15,200	5,000	200,400	60,100	2,085,200
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	12,300	2,700	500	800	300	16,500	4,200	110,900
Manufacturing	51,500	11,100	1,400	5,000	700	69,700	18,200	520,600
Trade	29,600	7,100	900	2,900	900	41,500	11,900	422,600
Transportation & Utilities	6,700	1,500	240	500	200	9,200	2,500	308,100
Financial Activities	10,800	1,900	360	800	200	13,900	3,200	153,000
Education and Health Services	21,200	6,500	1,100	2,700	800	32,400	11,100	357,000
Leisure & Hospitality	15,800	4,600	800	2,300	800	24,400	8,600	224,800
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svc	32,400	6,900	800	2,200	500	42,800	10,400	932,200
Total Government	23,700	5,900	1,200	3,900	1,500	36,200	12,500	401,900
Federal	1,000	700	60	100	100	2,000	900	29,200
4,670	4,700	4,340	20	800	400	6,600	1,900	92,100
Local	18,000	5,000	1,100	2,900	1,100	28,100	10,100	280,700
Change from one month ago	December 2002							
Civilian Labor Force*	6,500	1,800	400	800	400	9,900	3,400	60,500
Employed	3,900	1,000	100	300	100	5,600	1,500	27,600
Unemployed	2,600	700	300	500	200	4,200	1,700	32,900
Unemployment rate(%)	0	1.1%	1.9%	1.6%	1.5%	1.1%	1.4%	1.0%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	-0.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.3%
Total Nonfarm	-4,700	-800	-300	-500	-100	-6,400	-1,700	-70,000
Total Private	-4,100	-600	-250	-300	-100	-5,400	-1,300	-46,200
Goods Producing	-1,600	-200	-20	-100	-100	-2,000	-400	-12,400
Service Producing	-3,000	-600	-280	-400	-100	-4,400	-1,300	-57,600
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-1,200	-100	-30	-100	0	-1,500	-400	-11,100
Manufacturing	-500	0	10	0	0	-500	-100	-1,220
Trade	-1,600	-100	-30	-90	-100	-1,800	-300	-15,720
Transportation & Utilities	-200	-100	-20	0	0	-400	-100	-15,240
Financial Activities	-200	100	-10	10	0	-100	100	-440
Education and Health Services	0	-100	0	50	0	0	0	-3,940
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	0	-70	0	100	-300	0	-6,510
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other	-300	-200	-110	-100	-100	-800	-500	-9,470
Total Government	-500	-200	-50	-230	0	-1,000	-500	-23,740
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-580
State	-400	0	0	-20	0	-400	0	-10,730
Local	-200	-200	-50	-210	0	-600	-400	-12,430
Change from one year ago	January 2002							
Civilian Labor Force*	6,900	2,400	400	1,000	600	11,300	4,400	61,200
Employed	6,500	2,600	400	1,000	500	11,000	4,500	58,600
Unemployed	400	-200	0	0	100	200	-100	2,600
Unemployment rate(%)	0.0%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.4%	0.0%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%
Total Nonfarm	2,200	1,600	0	400	200	4,500	2,300	-2,600
Total Private	2,100	1,600	100	400	200	4,300	2,200	4,200
Goods Producing	-700	300	-100	0	0	-500	200	-11,900
Service Producing	2,900	1,400	100	400	100	5,000	2,100	9,300
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	800	200	0	0	0	1,000	200	-1,000
Manufacturing	-1,500	100	-100	0	0	-1,500	0	-10,900
Trade	-1,000	0	0	-100	100	-1,100	0	-7,700
Transportation & Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-9,000
Financial Activities	200	100	100	100	0	400	300	1,600
Education and Health Services	500	200	0	200	0	900	400	6,700
Leisure & Hospitality	1,100	400	200	500	0	2,300	1,100	3,800
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other	2,000	600	-200	-200	0	2,300	300	19,000
Total Government	100	100	0	0	0	100	0	-6,800
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	-100	0	-600
State	-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	-600
Local	200	100	0	0	0	200	0	-5,600

* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. N/A = data is benchmarked to 3/2002

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